

Listing of the claims:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a push-to-talk communication
2 between a Push-to-Talk communication system (PoC) group comprising at least one
member of a first communication network operated by a first network operator, and a
4 PoC group comprising at least one member of a second communication network operated
by a second network operator, by using a PoC application server in each communication
6 network, the method comprising:
connecting the at least one member of the PoC-group of the first network with the
8 members of the PoC-group of the second network for push-to-talk communication; and
synchronizing the PoC application servers of the respective networks so that the
10 group members of both networks are known to both operators.

10. (Previously Presented) A method of operating push-to-talk communication between a group of members of an existing push-to-talk communication session within a first communication network operated by a first network operator, and a group of at least one member of an additional communication network operated by a second network operator, by using a Push-to-Talk over a communication system (PoC) application server in each communication network, the method comprising:

2 connecting the additional group to the existing group of the session for push-to-talk communication; and

4 synchronizing the PoC application server of the additional group to the application server of the existing group of the session so that the group members of the additional network are known to both operators and the group members of the existing group are known to the first operator but not to the second operator.

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11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the synchronization is carried out automatically by the PoC application servers.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the synchronization is carried out automatically by the PoC application servers.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, wherein the synchronization is carried out whenever a user requests update of all group members of the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the
2 synchronization is carried out whenever a user requests update of all group members of
the PoC groups before sending a PoC message.

15. (Previously Presented) A system for operating push-to-talk
2 communication between push-to-talk groups of at least two communication networks
operated by different operators, the system comprising:
4 one common group management system for connecting at least one member of a
PoC-group of a first said network with members of a PoC-group of a second said network
6 for push-to-talk communication; and
8 at least one push-to-talk communication application server for each of the first
and second networks, with the servers being synchronized so that the group members of
the first network are known to both operators and the group members of the second
10 network are known to at least the second operator.

16. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 15, wherein the
2 communication networks are radio communication networks.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 10, further
2 comprising:
4 identifying the PoC application server of the additional group by an address
derived from a group address assigned to the additional group.